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7 8	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
9	EASTERN NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10	(Modesto Division)
11	In re: ) Case No. 10-47419-A-7
12	WEST COAST FENCE CO., INC., CHAPTER 7
13	) Date: November 15, 2010
14	Debtors. ) Time: 9:00 a.m. ) Location: U.S. Bankruptcy Court ) 1200 I St., 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
15	) Sacramento, CA ) Courtroom: 28
16	) Judge: Hon. Michael McManus
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19	MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY
20	AND FOR ORDER DIRECTING THE DEBTOR TO SURRENDER REAL PROPERTY
21	COMES NOW, West Coast Fence, Inc. ("WCF" or "Landlord") and submits the
22	following motion for an order granting Landlord relief from the automatic stay to secure and
23	recover exclusive possession of the non-residential commercial property located at 2786
24	Aiello Dr., San Jose, CA 95111( the "Real Property") from the Debtor and all others,
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	asserting a right of possession to the Real Property; to prosecute the pre-petition unlawful
27	detainer action entitled West Coast Fence, Inc. v. South Y Fireplace, Inc., dba West Coast
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Fence, Santa Clara County Superior Court Action # 1-10-CV-184542 ("UD Action"); to permit Landlord to accept Debtor's and the Chapter 7 Trustee's surrender of the Real Property; and to exercise its rights pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1980, et seq and California law relative thereto ("Motion") as follows:

### I. Introduction and Summary.

Landlord seeks a surrender and exclusive possession of the Real Property from the Debtor, the Chapter 7 Trustee, and all others because Debtor and the Trustee are not paying rent, have not provided proof of insurance, and are not conducting business at the Real Property, are interfering with Landlord's right to occupy and possess the Real Property, and have not executed a related stipulation. The Landlord's inability to secure a surrender and exclusive possession of the Real Property causes immediate and potentially long term harm.

### II. Factual Background.

Debtor is actually South Y Fireplace, Inc. and is not West Coast Fence Co., Inc. (See Statement of Financial Affairs, Section 18).

Debtor leased the Real Property from Landlord pursuant to a California Commercial Lease Agreement dated September 24, 2008 ("Lease"). (See Schedule G)(Landlord will provide the court, the Chapter 7 Trustee, and Debtor with a copy of the Lease upon request. The Lease called for, inter alia, Debtor's monthly lease payments of \$6,000, Debtor's payment of various utilities, and for Debtor to secure insurance. The Lease expired on September 30, 2009.

Prior to October 8, 2010 Debtor, inter alia, Debtor was significantly in arrears on lease payments and owed Landlord approximately \$54,000.00 in pre-petition lease payments. (See Schedule F)

On October 8, 2010 Landlord commenced an unlawful detainer action against Debtor seeking, inter alia, to secure and recover exclusive possession of the Property from the Debtor and all others, entitled West Coast Fence, Inc. v. South Y Fireplace, Inc., dba West Coast Fence, Santa Clara County Superior Court Action # 1-10-CV-184542 ("UD Action")

(See Schedule F and Statement of Financial Affairs Section 4).

On October 14, 2010, Debtor commenced this bankruptcy.

III. The Court Should Grant Relief From Stay And Order The Surrender of The Real Property To Landlord So Landlord May Recover Exclusive Possession Of The Real Property Without Further Delay Or Expense.

# A. Landlord Is Entitled To Relief From Stay Pursuant to Section 362 (d)(1) and (2) And Because The Lease Terminated Pre-Petition.

Relief from stay is warranted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 362, including sections 362 (d), including sections 362 (d) (1) and (2) and because Debtor and the Trustee are not paying rent, have not provided proof of insurance, and are not conducting business at the Real Property and as such are interfering with Landlord's right to occupy and possess the Real Property.

In addition, as the Lease terminated pre-petition the stay should not apply to Landlord. (See Section 362 (b)(10) and *In re Windmill Farms*, 841 F.2d 1467 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988); *In re Acorn Investments, Inc.*, B.R. 506, 510 (S.D. Cal. 1981); and *In re Elm Inn, Inc.*, 942 F.2d 630 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991).

## **B.** The Debtor Has Ignored Landlord's Proposed Stipulation.

On Friday, October 15, 2010 and Monday, October 18, 2010 Landlord's counsel left voice mail messages with Debtor's counsel and the Trustee indicating, inter alia, that Landlord wished to pursue surrender and possession of the Real Property by stipulation rather than by formal motion and on Monday, October 18, 2010, emailed a proposed stipulation to Debtor's counsel and the Trustee.

Debtor's counsel has ignored all communications.

## C. The Trustee Has Not Executed The Landlord's Proposed Stipulation.

During the week of October 18, 2010, the Trustee responded and indicated that he intended to visit the Real Property during the week of October 25, 2010 before responding to

the proposed stipulation.

IV. Landlord Does Not Waive Its Right To Submit An Administrative Claim, Its Independent Rights As A Secured Creditor, Or To Assert An Objection To The Jurisdiction Of This Court Or To Assert Damages For The Continued Misuse of Landlord's Name.

By way of this motion Landlord does not waive its right to submit an administrative claim.

In addition, by way of this motion Landlord, which is also a party to a secured promissory note with Debtor, does not waive its rights relative to the promissory note or related collateral.

In addition, by way of this motion Landlord does not waive its right to assert an objection to the jurisdiction of this court based on the potential mis-filing of this matter in the Eastern District as opposed to the Northern District where the Debtor operated, had its principal place of business, and had its assets.

Lastly, by way of this motion Landlord does not waive its right to assert damage claim for the continued misuse of Landlord's name as a debtor-something that was brought to the attention of the Debtor's counsel and the Trustee as early as October 15, 2010.

#### V. Conclusion.

The court should order Debtor and the Trustee to surrender the Real Property and grant the Motion.

Dated: October 29, 2010

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